



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date:	<u>2/10/11</u>
Agenda Item #:	<u>R-4</u>
Est. Start Time:	<u>10:15 am</u>
Date Submitted:	<u>2/1/11</u>

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on Playworks**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>2/10/2011</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>30 min</u>
Department:	<u>Non-Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Commissioner Kafoury</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Aaron Ridings (District 1)</u>		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):	<u>Jonathan Blasher, City Executive Director, Playworks Oregon</u>		

General Information

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**
Informational Board briefing.
- 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

Playworks is a national nonprofit organization that supports learning by providing safe, healthy and inclusive play and physical activity to schools at recess and throughout the entire school day. The organization provides effective solutions that address the academic achievement gap, childhood obesity, and bullying.

Research shows that play is essential to child development and an invaluable tool for improving school climate. Quality recess and playtime also helps children return to the classroom more focused and ready to learn. (more information is available at: <http://www.playworks.org/why-play-matters/studies>)

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Playworks is the only nonprofit organization in the country to send trained, full-time coaches to low-income, urban schools, where they transform recess and play into a positive experience that helps kids and teachers get the most out of every learning opportunity throughout the school day. These coaches become part of the school community, working full-time to provide organized play and physical activity through the five components of the Playworks program. They organize games and activities during recess, provide individual class game times and run a leadership development program during school hours. They also run Playworks tutoring and physical activity programs and developmental sports leagues during after school hours.

Playworks Portland currently provides full-day on-site programming to 14 low-income public elementary schools in Portland, serving nearly 6,000 students daily, including students who attend Beach School, Bridger School, Cesar Chavez School, Grout Elementary School, King School, Jason Lee School, Markham Elementary School, Marysville Elementary School, , Ockley Green School, Rigler School, Rosa Parks Elementary School, Sitton Elementary School, Woodlawn School, Woodmere Elementary School.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).
4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.
5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



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